

**From:** Maria Hans  
**To:** Microsoft ATR  
**Date:** 1/12/02 9:36am  
**Subject:** antitrust case.

Blank213 Blazer Court

Melbourne Beach, Florida 32951

January 8, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The reason I am writing to you is to express my support for the settlement that has been reached in the Microsoft antitrust case. After three years and millions of dollars spent, both parties in this case have agreed to bring it to an end. I plead with you to avoid those special interests that are trying to have this case resumed.

This settlement, despite the objections of opponents, is equitable. With this settlement Microsoft has agreed to disclose its internal interfaces and other previously secret code to competitors. In fact Microsoft is sharing more secret information with competitors in this settlement than any computer company has ever in history shared. However for the opponents of the settlement this is not enough, some of them won't be happy until Microsoft is destroyed.

As Microsoft is one the most important American companies, and a very large employer, I think it is wise to end the case against them and let them focus on business. With this settlement, that will be possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Hans/Maria Hans

